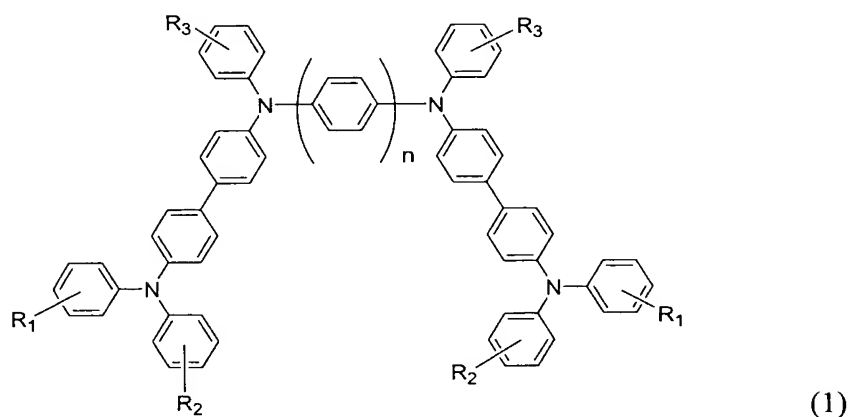


IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claims 1- 2 (Canceled).

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): An organic EL element ~~containing~~ comprising a tetramine compound represented by ~~the following general~~ formula (1):



wherein R1, R2 and R3, which may be the same or different, each represents a hydrogen atom, a tertiary alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms, an unsubstituted aryl group or an aryl group substituted with a tertiary alkyl group having 4 to 8 carbon atoms, and n represents 3 or 4, wherein said organic EL element comprises an anode, a hole transport layer, a light emitting layer, an electron transport layer and a cathode laminated sequentially on a substrate, or comprises an anode, a hole transport layer, an electron transport layer and a cathode laminated sequentially on a substrate, wherein either the hole transport layer or the electron transport layer has a light emitting function.

Claim 4 (Canceled).

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The organic EL element according to claim [[4]] 3, wherein the hole transport layer ~~contains~~ comprises the tetramine compound represented by ~~general~~-formula (1) and at least one other hole transport material.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The organic EL element according to claim [[4]] 3 or 5, which ~~has a constitution comprising~~ comprises an anode, a hole transport layer, an electron transport layer and a cathode laminated sequentially on a substrate, wherein the electron transport layer has a light emitting function.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The organic EL element according to claim [[4]] 3 or 5, which ~~has a constitution comprising~~ comprises an anode, a hole transport layer, an electron transport layer and a cathode laminated sequentially on a substrate, wherein the hole transport layer has a light emitting function.

Claim 8-9 (Canceled).

Claim 10 (New): The organic EL element according to claim 3, wherein said organic EL element is selected from the group consisting of

4N,N'-bis(4-diphenylaminobiphenyl-4'-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-4,4''-diamino-p-terphenyl,
N,N'-bis[4-(4-biphenylphenylamino)biphenyl-4'-yl]-N,N'-diphenyl-4,4''-diamino-p-terphenyl,

N,N'-bis[4-(4-tert-butylphenylaminobiphenyl-4'-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-4,4''-diamino-p-terphenyl,

N,N'-bis(4-diphenylaminobiphenyl-4-yl)-N,N'-diphenyl-4,4'''-diamino-p-
quaterphenyl,

N,N'-bis[4-{bis(biphenyl-4-yl)amino}biphenyl-4'-yl]-N,N'-diphenyl-4,4''-diamino-p-terphenyl, and

N,N'-bis[4-{bis(4-tert-butylphenyl)amino}biphenyl-4'-yl]-N,N'-diphenyl-4,4''-diamino-p-terphenyl.

Claim 11: (New): The organic EL element according to claim 3, wherein said organic EL element is selected from the group consisting of

